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ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY - EAST GERMAN VIEWS
PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECE DECISION B (XXXI)

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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK A LETTER DATED DECEMBER 6, 1976, FROM THE GDR AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA SETTING FORTH GDR VIEWS ON SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR HOLDING OF ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON QUESTIONS OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT AND ENERGY. LETTER HAS BEEN CIRCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECE DECISION B (XXXI).

2. LETTER STATES THAT THE GDR CONSIDERS THE SOVIET PROPOSAL "AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE MULTILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION" OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT RECOMMENDATIONS, "CONDUCTIVE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRANSLATING THE POLITICAL IMPULSES OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE INFO MORE CONCRETE ARRANGEMENTS". IT ADDS THAT POLITICAL CONDITIONS NOW EXIST FOR THE CONCLUSION OF MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCRETE PLANS AND PROJECTS AND CALLS FOR CONFERENCES AT A HIGH LEVEL TO ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THESE COMPLEX AND AMBITIOUS TASKS.

3. IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE GDR SUGGESTS THAT A CONGRESS FOCUS ON (A) DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY AND IN THE CHEMICAL AND METALLURGICAL INDUSTRIES TO ENSURE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF THE RAW MATERIALS APPLIED AND TO EXCLUDE THE FORMATION OF HARMFUL SUBSTANCES CAUSING WATER, SOIL OR AIR POLLUTION, (B) INVESTIGATION OF METHODS FOR THE USE OF WASTE PRODUCTS WHICH ARE OF GREAT ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE AS SECONDARY RAW MATERIALS, AND (C) DEVELOPMENT OF METHODS FOR THE RATIONAL USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND HARMONIZATION OF PRINCIPLES FOR THEIR PROTECTION.

4. IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT, THE GDR CALLS FOR ACTION FOR (A) ENHANCING THE EFFICIENCY OF TRANSPORT ARTERIES, (B) DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN RAILWAY NETWORK AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A COHERENT NAVIGABLE NETWORK, AND (C) IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND URBAN TRANSPORT SYSTEMS, INCLUDING CONTAINER TRANSPORT, AND TRAFFIC SAFETY.

5. IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY, THE GDR WELCOMES THE SOVIET OFFER TO HOST A CONGRESS, WHICH IT BELIEVES MIGHT DEAL WITH (A) OPTIMUM USE OF ENERGY RESOURCES IN THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATING TO COVER THEIR ENERGY NEEDS (B) INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS FOR FUEL TRANSPORT, AND (C) ENERGY ECONOMY AND ENERGY POLICIES ADAPTED TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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6. THE GDR STATES THAT CONGRESSES SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON CERTAIN CLEARLY DEFINED MAJOR AREAS AND SUGGESTS THAT THE ECE 32ND SESSION (APRIL 1977) WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR AGREEING UPON THE EXACT SUBJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THEIR AGENDAS.

7. IN CONCLUSION, THE GDR STATES THAT ECE HAS A "VERY IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN THE PREPARATION AND HOLDING" OF THE CONGRESSES. IN THIS REGARD IT SHOULD COMPILE INFORMATION MATERIAL ON THE AGREED SUBJECTS, INCLUDING REPORTS ON WORK ACCOMPLISHED OR SCHEDULED IN ECE BODIES, AND WORK OUT CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION STUDIES, EXPERT OPINIONS, ETC. IN ADDITION "ECE MIGHT TAKE OVER ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTIONS OF GENERAL TECHNICAL PROCEDURE". FURTHER, ECE SHOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING DECISIONS OF THE CONGRESSES, BY INCLUDING "PARTIAL TASKS" IN THE WORK PROGRAMS OF THE ECE BODIES.

8. COMMENT: OF NOT IN THE GDR LETTER IS THE PROPOSAL THAT THE

ECE 32ND SESSION AGREE UPON AGENDAS FOR CONGRESSES, WHICH
HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN LETTERS FROM OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES RECEIVED TO DATE. END COMMENT.

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